

## Obama could have chance to put another Catholic on the High Court

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Supreme Court Justice [John Paul Stevens](#) [1] has hired fewer law clerks than usual, [generating speculation](#) [2] that the leader of the court's liberals will retire next year.

When Justice Sonia Sotomayor joined the court she became only the 12th Catholic in history to reach the Supreme Court. Nevertheless, her appointment brought to six the number of Supreme Court Justices now sitting on the Court. In addition to Sotomayor, Chief Justice John Roberts, and Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, and convert Clarence Thomas are Catholic.

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